

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NO. E-21324
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION**

(Issued December 9, 1999)

On March 18, 1999, the administrative law judge issued a proposed decision and order in this docket. On April 1, 1999, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a notice of appeal of the proposed decision and order. On August 26, 1999, IES filed a motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance for a period of 45 days from the date the motion was filed. The Board issued an order granting the motion on September 15, 1999. On October 12, 1999, IES filed a motion requesting the Board hold the matter in abeyance for an additional 60-day period in order to allow sufficient time to complete discussions previously commenced. The Board granted the motion on October 25, 1999.

On November 22, 1999, IES filed a motion to terminate the order granting its motion to hold the proceeding in abeyance for an additional 60-day period. In support of its motion, IES stated that although it has made progress in resolving issues with some of the landowners, it has been unsuccessful in resolving outstanding issues with all landowners. IES stated continuing to hold the proceeding

in abeyance would not result in the elimination of any additional issues and it is in the best interest of all parties that the abeyance period be terminated.

The Board has reviewed the motion and will grant it. As of the date of this order, the period of abeyance is terminated. The Board will proceed with IES's April 1, 1999, appeal of the proposed decision and order

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The motion filed by IES Utilities Inc. on November 22, 1999, is granted, as described in the body of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999.